

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

One or more embodiments of the invention provide a method, apparatus, and article of manufacture for locating a mobile device. An application programming interface (API), executed by a computer, provides a plurality of simplified procedures
5 that allow an application program executed by the computer to locate the mobile device.

The application program invokes the simplified procedures of the API. The invoked procedures obtain a location of the mobile device given an identification of the mobile device and a description of a spatial reference system associated with the location.

Additionally, the invoked procedures interact with specifics for a mobile positioning
10 server of a carrier of the mobile device and with different methods of identifying the device as required by the carrier.

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